



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 353**

LCO No. 4753



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Referred to Committee on GENERAL LAW

Introduced by:  
(GL)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN APPRENTICE, JOURNEYMEN AND  
CONTRACTOR WORKING GROUP.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a working  
2       group to discuss hiring ratios for apprentices, journeymen and  
3       contractors. The working group shall meet at least once annually and  
4       shall study and make recommendations related to apprentices,  
5       journeymen and contractors.

6       (b) The working group shall consist of the following ten members,  
7       and shall be evenly divided between members of union and nonunion  
8       industry trade groups representing the electrical, heating, cooling,  
9       plumbing, sprinkler fitter and sheet metal trades:

10       (1) Two union members appointed by the speaker of the House of  
11       Representatives;

12       (2) Two union members appointed by the president pro tempore of  
13       the Senate;

14       (3) One nonunion member appointed by the majority leader of the

15 House of Representatives;

16 (4) One union member appointed by the majority leader of the  
17 Senate;

18 (5) Two nonunion members appointed by the minority leader of the  
19 House of Representatives; and

20 (6) Two nonunion members appointed by the minority leader of the  
21 Senate.

22 (c) All appointing authorities shall consult with the chairpersons  
23 and ranking members of the joint standing committee of the General  
24 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the Department of  
25 Consumer Protection prior to making any appointments pursuant to  
26 this section.

27 (d) Any member of the working group appointed under subsection  
28 (b) of this section may be a member of the General Assembly.

29 (e) All appointments to the working group shall be made not later  
30 than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy  
31 shall be filled by the appointing authority.

32 (f) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president  
33 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the working  
34 group from among the members of the working group. Such  
35 chairpersons shall schedule the first meeting of the working group.

36 (g) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
37 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the  
38 Department of Consumer Protection shall serve as administrative staff  
39 of the working group.

40 (h) Not later than December 1, 2017, and annually thereafter, the  
41 working group shall submit a report on its recommendations to the  
42 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance

43 of matters relating to the Department of Consumer Protection, in  
 44 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

45 Sec. 2. Section 20-332b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
 46 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

47 The Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall amend existing  
 48 regulations of Connecticut state agencies adopted pursuant to section  
 49 20-332 to specify the following allowable hiring ratios regarding  
 50 apprentices, journeymen and contractors for the following trades:

T1	TRADE			
T2	Electrical, Plumbing, Heating, Piping and Cooling,			
T3	Sprinkler Fitter and Sheet Metal Work			
T4				
T5	Apprentices		Licensees	
T6			(Journeymen or Contractors)	
T7	1		1	
T8	2		2	
T9	3		[5]	<u>3</u>
T10	4		[8]	<u>6</u>
T11	5		[11]	<u>9</u>
T12	6		[14]	<u>12</u>
T13	7		[17]	<u>15</u>
T14	8		[20]	<u>18</u>
T15	9		[23]	<u>21</u>
T16	10		[26]	<u>24</u>
T17				
T18	Ratio continues at 3 Journeypersons			
T19	To 1 Apprentice			

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	20-332b
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***Statement of Purpose:***

To establish an apprentice, journeymen and contractor working group and to amend current hiring ratios concerning apprentices, journeymen and contractors.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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